

COUNTRY: Germany (Russian Zone)
 SUBJECT: Organisation of the Soviet Central
 Commandatura, Luisenstrasse

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1. The Soviet Central Commandatura on Luisenstrasse has as its primary function the command of Soviet troops in the city of Berlin and the governing of Berlin in accordance with Soviet policies, on a quadripartite basis. Major General A. V. Military Commandant of the city of Berlin and Military Governor of the Soviet Sector, has five Deputy Commandants under him:

a. Chief of Staff at the Allied Commandatura:
 Lt. Colonel E. Z. KJA

b. Chief of the Political Department: Colonel
 WILLIAMOV

c. Chief of Staff at the Soviet Commandatura:
 Colonel E. J. OV

d. Deputy Commandant of Garrison Troops: Colonel
 E. J. KJA

e. Chief of Economics Department: Colonel ALI

f. Operational Department

This department was previously reported to be headed by Colonel E. J. OV and to maintain security patrols, control discipline, issue permits, etc. Its three main sub-sections were reported as follows:

a. Permits Bureau

which issues permits and passes to Soviet zone, handles German travel applications, controls entry of Germans into Soviet buildings.

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b. **Investigations Sections**
similar to the U.S. Criminal Investigation Division.

c. **Stockade.**

The Operational Department is now thought to be the Central office controlling the various MVD installations in the city of Berlin. It is under the command of Major General SINDYV. For administrative purposes, however, it is subordinated to General KOTIEOV, but undoubtedly has a direct line to Moscow.

NOTE: Colonel BELOV was at one time Chief of Staff at the Soviet Kommandatura and is at present Russian Provost Marshal. Whether he is actually under the control of the Operational Department cannot be ascertained at present, but as Chief of Military Police he must have close operational contact with the MVD.

3. **Propaganda Section**

This section was established in July 1945. Its first chief was Colonel SHODKY, since transferred. It is now headed by Colonel YELIZAEV, who is also head of the Political Department, and who usually represents General KOTIEOV in the latter's absence. The section's main function is control over and influence of German public opinion. It has five sub-sections:

- a. **Political Parties**
whose main function is controlling German political parties.
- b. **Propaganda**
distribution of Soviet Government leaflets and other literature among the German population.
- c. **Information**
collecting information on public opinion, trends, etc.
- d. **Censorship**
control of newspapers, theater programs, written material, exclusive of mail.
- e. **Public Amusements**
control of places of public amusement.

4. The following staff sections are attached to the Office of the Military Commandant:

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a. **Office of the Prosecuting Attorney**
 Its exact functions are not known. It is quite different from the Soviet Judge Advocate General's Office, however, which is located at Altfriedrichsfelde, a suburb of Berlin. The JAG is concerned only with routine offenses by troops; it is not under the authority of the local commanding general, and has a direct chain of command to the Soviet Ministry of Justice.

b. **Military Court**

c. **SAFETY Department**

NOTE: For detailed description of the above three staff sections, refer to []

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5. The following departments are under the command of Colonel MORISOV, Chief of Staff at the Soviet Kommandatura:

- a. **Communications** -- maintains communications for the Kommandatura
- b. **Legal Department** -- Major KUCHEARENKO, chief; Major FALINAY, deputy
- c. **Administrative Services** -- Lt. Colonel VASHNEVSKY, chief
- d. **Secretariat** -- correspondence, filing, records, etc.
- e. **Special Company** -- supplies guard of honor for Allied dignitaries, assigns military police for duty with Allied patrols.
- f. **Guard Company** -- used as security guard for Kommandatura buildings.

6. The following departments are under Deputy Commandant Colonel DALLARA, Chief of Economic Affairs:

- a. **Public Health** -- Colonel FISNEY
- b. **Public Utilities** -- Colonel MASLASHINOV
- c. **Veterinarian Department** -- Colonel NOGALEV
- d. **Food Department** -- Colonel KALINICHENKO
- e. **Finance Department** -- Lt. Colonel NUBANISTY
- f. **Trade and Economics** -- Lt. Colonel KASAKHIN
- g. **Supply Department**
- h. **Transportation Department** -- Colonel DUBROVSKY

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7. The Political Department under Colonel YELIZAROV has as its function the exclusive control of political programs and activities among Soviet personnel. Other functions are: strict control of party members, recruiting of new party members, investigation of offenses against party discipline, indoctrination, etc. Most of the work in this department is under Lt. Colonel BOUMIANIZOV (BOUMANTZEV), Deputy Chief of the Political Department.

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